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with explanations and apt examples, but to Stephen belongs the honor of being the first writer to elucidate and scientifically discuss the *principles* underlying these rules. Mr. Andrews, the editor of this edition, believes that students of law should have Stephen's entire work and not mere extracts or wholesale paraphrases of it, as is too frequently the case in many modern works on pleading. He has therefore prepared this edition with special reference to them. The text of Stephen's first edition has been used, and its general arrangement retained, but he has added thereto under the head of Part I., an Introduction, in which he discusses the merits and defects of common law pleading, the distinctive features of code reform, and the relation between the code and common law procedure. He shows most forcibly that while code procedure has abolished the excessive formality that characterized common law procedure, yet the principles of the two systems are identical and unchanged. A knowledge of the latter is essential to an understanding of the former. A chapter on Joinder of Parties, and one on the Election of Remedies, has also been added. Part II. and Part III. are Stephen's text entire, the former containing a summary and connected account of the whole proceedings in a suit, and the latter the principal rules of pleading. The text is supported by carefully selected cases taken from code and common law States, and its value is further enhanced by numerous notes which contain the editor's amplifications, or which show the recent modifications in the rules and forms of procedure. Mr. Andrews has made the work thoroughly modern and practical, and students of law, whether intending to practice under common law procedure rules or code rules, will find this the most recent, and helpful edition of Stephen's treatise. The volume is well bound, the paper is of good quality with dead finish, and the type, both of the text and the notes, large and clear.

American Probate Law and Practice. A Complete and Practical Treatise, Expository of Probate Law and Practice as it Obtains To-day, Including a Discussion of the General Principles Governing the Execution and Proof of Wills, the Devolution of Property, the Administration of Estates, and the Relation Subsisting between Guardian and Ward. Applicable to all States. By Frank S. Rice. xlv. + 785 pp. Sheep, \$6.50 net. Matthew Bender, Albany, 1894.

The author of this work, Mr. Rice, is favorably known to the profession by his masterly and scholarly treatise on "Civil and Criminal Procedure," and his name is a sufficient guarantee that this volume represents painstaking and laborious research, and a

critical and comprehensive presentation of probate law and practice. His volume is the outcome of "an attempt to collate, classify and exhibit the rules that characterize and govern the American Probate Courts and their peculiar methods of procedure." The work is broad and comprehensive and covers the entire domain of Probate Law Practice, and contains numerous references to statutory enactments, adjudications, and valuable judicial utterances bearing upon the subject. The author brings into prominence the fundamental principles of the law and shows with great perspicuity the modifications and amplifications that they are constantly undergoing. His statements of these principles are amply supported by citations from acknowledged authorities, and frequently by very full excerpts from the opinions of judges of courts of last resort,—the author modestly preferring that the reader should have the exact words of the court rather than his own paraphrasing. All the steps by which a decedent's estate passes by probate procedure into the hands of the legal beneficiaries, are clearly and forcibly discussed, together with the judicial interpretation of the statutes which regulate this procedure. The volume bears every evidence of discriminating and scholarly research, of critical analysis and of logical presentation. It is characterized by great lucidity of expression and cannot but prove of value to the profession. For the purpose of furnishing a rational guide to members of the bench and bar of jurisdictions that have not adopted specific practice regulations for their probate courts, the author has inserted at the close of the book the different sections of the codes of civil procedure of the States of New York and California, that relate to probate practice.

The Study of Cases. A course of Instruction in Reading and Stating Reported Cases, Composing Head Notes and Briefs, Criticising and Comparing Authorities, and Compiling Digests. By Eugene Wambaugh, LL.D., Professor of Law in Harvard University. Second edition Student's Series. Cloth, \$2.50 net; sheep, \$3 net. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, 1894.

The title page as given above, and the author's prefatory statement that "the aim of this volume is to teach students the methods by which lawyers detect *dicta* and determine the pertinence and weight of reported cases," convey a very clear idea of the purpose and scope of this little volume. The first part of the book is devoted to an examination and a critical analysis of the essential features of every well-reported case, and the method of determining its true doctrine. The value of a precedent, and the